

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the Office Action dated February 23, 2005. In response, claims 1, 3-5 and 15 have been amended. Claims 2, 6, 10 and 11 have been canceled. New claim 29 is presented herewith. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the recitations of canceled claims 2 and 6. Such a claim was indicated as being allowable. Dependent claims 3-5 have been amended to change their dependency from canceled claim 2 to amended independent claim 1.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form. Such a claim was indicated as being allowable.

Newly submitted independent claim 29 is original claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Such a claim is also indicated as being allowable.

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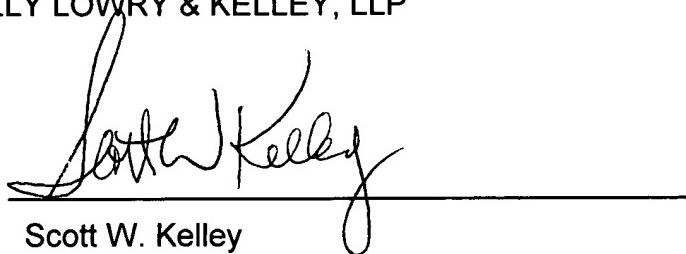
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Claim 22 is dependent from an allowed claim 16. Accordingly, this claim is also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 12-29 are all in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectfully requested.

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